

Amendments to the Claims:

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A composition ~~having a pH of about 3.5 to about 4.1 and~~ comprising water, approximately 10% to 25% (w/v) glucosamine and at least 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid wherein at least 10% ~~(w/v)~~ of the ascorbic acid is present in a pretreated concentrated ascorbic acid solution prepared according to the method comprising the steps of:

dissolving ascorbic acid in water at a temperature of between about 60°C to about 90°C to provide an aqueous ascorbic acid solution of at least 20% (w/v); and

cooling the aqueous ascorbic solution to below about 40°C to provide said concentrated ascorbic acid solution; and

wherein the pH of the composition is adjusted to about 3.5 to about 4.1

26. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 25, wherein the composition has a pH of about 3.8 to about 4.0 and is made by the method comprising the steps of:

a) ~~adjusting the pH of a mixture comprising water and the pretreated ascorbic acid to about 3.8 to about 4.0 to provide a pH-adjusted mixture; and~~

b) ~~admixing the pH-adjusted mixture~~ concentrated ascorbic acid solution and the glucosamine, and

b) adjusting the pH of the mixture to a pH of about 3.8 to about 4.0.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for treating rosacea or acne, the method comprising topically applying to the skin of a human afflicted with rosacea or acne an effective amount of ~~the a composition of claim 25~~ comprising water, approximately 10% to 25% (w/v) glucosamine

and at least 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid, wherein at least 10% of the ascorbic acid is present in a concentrated ascorbic acid solution prepared according to the method comprising the steps of:
dissolving ascorbic acid in water at a temperature of between about 60°C to about 90°C
to provide an aqueous ascorbic acid solution of at least 20% (w/v); and
cooling the aqueous ascorbic solution to below about 40°C to provide said concentrated ascorbic acid solution; and
wherein the pH of the composition is adjusted to about 3.5 to about 4.1.